Personal Injury Case Checklist

Steps to take after an injury caused by someone else's negligence

Based on Personal Injury Lawyer Englewood by McCormick and Murphy

1. Assess Your Situation

Determine if your injury might be due to someone else's fault.

- ■ Identify if another party's negligence or wrongful conduct caused your harm.
- ■ Consider if the incident was a car accident with a at-fault driver.
- ■ Evaluate if you experienced a slip and fall on poorly maintained property.
- ■ Determine if a dog bite occurred due to the owner's lack of reasonable care.
- ■ Reflect on any situation where someone failed to act with reasonable care and you were injured.
- ■ Confirm that someone else was at fault for the incident.
- ■ Verify that you suffered actual physical or emotional injuries.
- ■ Identify measurable damages such as medical bills, lost wages, or pain and suffering.

2. Seek Medical Attention

Prioritize your health and document your injuries.

- ■ Get immediate medical attention for your injuries.
- ■ Follow all doctor's recommendations for treatment.
- ■ Keep detailed records of all medical appointments and treatments.
- ■ Obtain copies of all medical reports and bills.

3. Document the Incident

Gather evidence related to the accident.

- ■ Take photos or videos of the accident scene if possible.
- ■ Document the condition of the property or vehicle involved.
- ■ Collect contact information of any witnesses.
- ■ Note the date, time, and location of the incident.
- ■ Write down your recollection of how the incident occurred as soon as possible.

4. Identify Responsible Parties

Determine who may be legally liable for your injuries.

- ■ Identify the individual or entity whose negligence caused the harm.
- ■ Consider property owners in slip and fall cases.
- ■ Identify dog owners in dog bite incidents.
- ■ Note any other parties whose actions or inactions contributed to the incident.

5. Understand Your Damages

Quantify the losses you have suffered.

- Calculate all current and future medical expenses.
- Determine lost income from time missed at work.
- Estimate the value of pain and suffering.
- Include costs for property damage if applicable.
- List any other financial losses incurred due to the injury.

6. Consult an Attorney

Get professional legal advice to evaluate your case.

- Find an experienced personal injury attorney.
- Schedule a consultation to discuss your case.
- Be prepared to share all gathered information and documentation.
- Ask about the attorney's experience with similar cases.
- Inquire about the attorney's fee structure.
- Understand the potential legal options available to you.

7. Prepare for Legal Action

Take steps to build a strong case.

- Cooperate fully with your attorney.
- Preserve all evidence related to your case.
- Avoid discussing your case with others without your attorney's guidance.
- Attend all required legal appointments and meetings.
- Be patient, as legal processes can take time.

Resources & Further Reading

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